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- 1 form an account with a balance so as to form an account
2 balance, if step f) is carried out.
- 3 4. The method as defined in claim 3; further comprising the steps of:
4 h) charging, by the credit card holder, an amount on the credit
5 card so as to form an amount charged, if step g) is carried
6 out; and
7 i) accumulating, by the at least one of the program vendor and
8 the credit card issuer, a certain percentage of the amount
9 charged on the credit card, by the credit card holder, if step
10 h) is carried out.
- 11 5. The method as defined in claim 4; further comprising the step of:
12 j) converting, by the at least one of the program vendor and the
13 credit card issuer, the certain percentage to points so as to
14 form points accumulated, if step i) is carried out.
- 15 6. The method as defined in claim 5; further comprising the step of:
16 k) checking, by the credit card holder, the account balance, by
17 one of telephone and Internet, if step j) is carried out.
- 18 7. The method as defined in claim 6; further comprising the steps of:
19 l) determining, by the credit card holder, if the points
20 accumulated are to be redeemed when the points accumulated
21 reach a predetermined amount;
22 m) determining if the points accumulated has reached the
23 predetermined amount, if answer to step l) is yes; and
24 n) returning to step h), if answer to step m) is no.
- 25 8. The method as defined in claim 7; further comprising the steps of:

- 1 o) converting, by the at least one of the program vendor and the
2 credit card issuer, the points accumulated to dollars so as to
3 form a dollar amount, if answer to step m) is yes; and
4 p) issuing, by the at least one of the program vendor and the
5 credit card issuer, a check in the dollar amount, if step o)
6 is carried out.

- 7 9. The method as defined in claim 8; further comprising the steps of:
8 q) determining if the credit card holder is not a student who has
9 a name and who attends a school with a tuition, if step p) is
10 carried out;
11 r) proceeding to step t), if answer to step q) is no; and
12 s) putting, by the at least one of the program vendor and the
13 credit card issuer, the name of the student on the check, if
14 answer to step q) is yes.

- 15 10. The method as defined in claim 9; further comprising the steps of:
16 t) determining if there is a problem getting the check to the
17 school;
18 u) sending, by the at least one of the program vendor and the
19 credit card issuer, the check directly to the credit card
20 holder, if answer to step t) is yes; and
21 v) forwarding, by the credit card holder, the check to the
22 school, if step u) is carried out.

- 23 11. The method as defined in claim 10; further comprising the steps of:
24 w) sending, by the at least one of the program vendor and the
25 credit card issuer, the check directly to the school, if the
26 answer to step t) is no;
27 x) confirming, by the at least one of the program vendor and the
28 credit card issuer, to the credit card holder, that the check

- 1 has been sent out so as to form a confirmation, if step w) is
2 carried out; and
3 y) crediting, by the school, the check towards the tuition of the
4 student.
- 5 12. The method as defined in claim 11; further comprising the steps of:
6 z) calling, by the credit card holder, the at least one of the
7 program vendor and the credit card issuer so as to form a
8 call, if answer to step 11) is no; and
9 aa) determining if the call is made within a predetermined time,
10 if step z) is carried out.
- 11 13. The method as defined in claim 12; further comprising the steps of:
12 bb) requesting, by the credit card holder, redemption of the
13 points accumulated, from the at least one of the program
14 vendor and the credit card issuer, if answer to step aa) is
15 yes; and
16 cc) returning to step w), if step bb) is carried out.
- 17 14. The method as defined in claim 13; further comprising the step of:
18 dd) forfeiting automatically, the points accumulated, to the at
19 least one of the program vendor and the credit card issuer, if
20 answer to step aa) is no.
- 21 15. The method as defined in claim 1; further comprising the step of
22 keeping, by the at least one of the program vendor and the credit
23 card issuer, the set interest for cost of operations.
- 24 16. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said step of paying out,
25 by a credit card issuer, as per an agreement between the credit card
26 issuer and a program vendor, a percentage of credit card sales at a
27 predetermined period, to the program vender includes paying out, by

1 a credit card issuer, as per an agreement between the credit card
2 issuer and a program vendor, a percentage of credit card sales at a
3 predetermined period being one of monthly and quarterly, to the
4 program vender.

5 17. The method as defined in claim 6, wherein said step of checking, by
6 the credit card holder, the account balance includes checking, by the
7 credit card holder, the account balance, by one of telephone and
8 Internet.

9 18. The method as defined in claim 11, wherein said step of sending, by
10 the at least one of the program vendor and the credit card issuer,
11 the check directly to the school includes sending, by the at least
12 one of the program vendor and the credit card issuer, the check
13 directly to the school that receives a distinct code number.

14 19. The method as defined in claim 11, wherein said step of confirming,
15 by the at least one of the program vendor and the credit card issuer,
16 to the credit card holder, that the check has been sent out so as to
17 form a confirmation includes confirming, by the at least one of the
18 program vendor and the credit card issuer, by one of mail, e-mail,
19 and the telephone, to the credit card holder, that the check has been
20 sent out so as to form a confirmation.

21 20. The method as defined in claim 12, wherein said step of calling, by
22 the credit card holder, the at least one of the program vendor and
23 the credit card issuer so as to form a call, includes calling, by the
24 credit card holder, the at least one of the program vendor and the
25 credit card issuer, by one of automated telephone and the Internet
26 so as to form a call.